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From Reader Review Sunshine Boulevard for online ebook

ERIN SCHMIDT says

I don't read a lot of horror, but I won a copy of this book from the author during a Halloween blog hop, and I decided to give it a chance. I'm really glad I did, because I enjoyed it. There was mystery, some humor, and some creepiness. I can't say what kind of creepiness lest I spoil the mystery, but I really had fun reading this one.

Rochelle says

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J.Q. Rose's writing is as "bad" as Steven King's. When I read Salem's Lot, I couldn't put it down and I slept with a Bible, a Lutheran prayer book, and a Catholic prayer book for several weeks. I didn't pick up another of his books for twenty years.

I read Sunshine Boulevard in bed and it's a miracle I did not have nightmares. Somewhere in the horror, I missed the humor. If I were the naked lady in the geranium bush, I'd have been farther-gone—in Canada possibly North of the Arctic Circle still screaming. The fact that I read the whole book, however, is a testament to J.Q. Rose's writing. She had me from the first truly weird death to the ominous ending. If I ever retire to a warmer climate, it won't be Florida. I can't even offer the caveat if you're phobic about... Florida has plenty to be phobic about—roaches you can saddle and ride, alligators in your back yard, sharks at the beach, and seniors on the road who probably shouldn't be driving any longer (see the trailer). All I can say is—if you're prone to nightmares, I suggest you read it earlier in the day.

Me, I'm off to Wal-Mart to see if they have any caulk guns. I may live in Illinois, but I'm not taking any chances. Prayer books or pentacles and crystals won't work against this foe, and I don't have a blasting rod like Harry Dresden (of Jim Butcher's The Dresden Files) so I can't just hold it out and yell "Forzare" if I see 'em coming.

Laura says

[I found the love-square humorous. I giggled during the a

Lin Holmes says

Baby Boomers are coming into their own as Snowbirds. J.Q. Rose brings them into the realm of Crafty, Amateur Detectives with LOTS of time on their hands to devote to this new passion...solving murders.

What do they have in their arsenal to qualify them? They've been around, they're intelligent, they have wit, and have far more stamina than generation X gives them credit for.

SUNSHINE BOULEVARD is a delightful murder mystery extravaganza taking place in Florida during the cold days of Northern Winters, when Snowbirds flock like geese to the warmer climes of Sunny Florida.

Thrillingly funny, this is entertaining and a lighthearted romp with just the right amount of "danger".

SUNSHINE BOULEVARD 4 1/2 stars I can easily boost up to five because it IS that good and that entertaining, so much so I really can't wait to read the next Jim and Gloria escapade.

Heather Brainerd says

This fast, fun read follows snowbirds Gloria and Jim as they worry over the mysterious deaths of several neighbors. With lots of humor and quirky characters galore, I found this book very entertaining. And though I dream of someday being a snowbird myself, this book is just creepy enough to give me second thoughts!

Marva says

There's much to like about Sunshine Boulevard. I especially get a kick out of it since I happen to live in a 55+ community, so I can relate. I also know people who live in Florida and wonder about their sanity.

But there is a little bit of a muddle about the method of death of the senior citizens which I can't get around. I don't want to include a spoiler, so I'll just have to say I did not find it believable. I think there was more that J.Q. Rose could have done to make it more complete.

On the whole, however, the writing is good and the story moves with a good pace (much faster than the seniors could). It's a fun and fast read.

So I can only award 3 stars, which is still "I Liked It." I just couldn't work my enthusiasm up to 4 stars or more.
